

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior listings of claims in the application:

1.(Canceled)

2.(New) A method for determining an integrated logistic support (ILS) date for a ship upgrade, said method comprising the steps of:

generating a change document in response to a perceived problem associated with a particular type of equipment;

associating said change document with a ship having said particular type of equipment;

associating a particular upgrade with the change document;

determining arrival dates of all elements associated with the particular upgrade assigned to the change document; and

selecting a most remote one of the determined arrival dates as the ILS date.

3.(New) A method for determining whether a ship upgrade can commence on a selected date, said method comprising the steps of:

generating a change document in response to a perceived problem associated with a particular type of equipment;

associating said change document with a ship having said particular type of equipment;

associating a particular upgrade with the change document;

determining arrival dates of all elements associated with the particular upgrade assigned to the change document;

selecting a most remote one of the determined arrival dates as an integrated logistic support (ILS) date; and

comparing the ILS date with the selected date.

4.(New) The method according to claim 3, further comprising the steps of:

obtaining a promised delivery date for delivering an upgrade parts kit; and

comparing the promised delivery date with the selected date.